

REMARKS

The Examiner made the following remarks in the outstanding Office Action:

- Claims 1, 4, and 6-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,408,330 issued in the name of Squicciarini et al., (hereinafter "Squicciarini"), in view of United States Patent No. 6,970,183, issued in the name of David A. Monroe, (hereinafter "Monroe").
- Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Squicciarini and Monroe in view of United States Patent No. 6,677,858, issued in the name of Faris et al., (hereinafter "Faris").
- Claims 8-29 are allowable.

Claims 1-29, including independent claims 1, 8, 16, 20-21, 24, and 27, were originally presented for examination. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. No new subject matter is introduced by way of the present Response. Claims 8-29, including independent claims 8, 16, 20-21, 24, and 27, are currently pending. Favorable reconsideration of the present Response as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Response was due for reply by September 16, 2006 since the Office Action was mailed on June 16, 2006, 2006. A Two Month Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed. Therefore, per MPEP §710.01(a), the Two Month Extension of time extends the due date to November 16, 2006.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicant greatly appreciates the indication by the Examiner that claims 8-29, as originally presented, are allowable. Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 1-7, without disclaimer or prejudice, in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 4, and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Squicciarini in view of Monroe. Similarly, claims 2-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Squicciarini and Monroe in view of Faris. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-7 by way of the present Response. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding §103(a) rejections.

FEE STATEMENT

Applicant has authorized herewith payment of \$225.00 for the Two Month Extension of Time. Applicant believes no additional fees are due for the filing of this Response. If any fees are due, however, please charge our deposit account (Account No. 50-3215).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow claims 8-29 presented for consideration herein. Accordingly, a favorable action in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2006.

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